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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 3-7,9 and 10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 3-7,9 and 10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 11 September 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

1. Claims 3-7, 9, and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Keesman (5729293) in view of Wee et al. (6697061), (hereinafter referred to as "Wee").

Regarding claim 3, Keesman discloses an apparatus that relates to a method of transcoding coded signals (Keesman: column 1, lines 6-9). This apparatus comprises "decoding the encoded data signal and providing a decoded data signal" (Keesman: figure 10, item 212), "a re-encoding step performed on a modified data signal and generating a coding error" (Keesman: figure 10, wherein the re-encoding is performed by item 213; column 11, lines 7-19, wherein the subtraction generates the error signal), and "an intermediate step inserted between the decoding and re-encoding steps comprising a subtraction operation between the decoded signal and a motion-compensated signal obtained from the coding error" (Keesman: figure 10, item 440, wherein the subtraction is performed by item 245). However, this apparatus lacks inserting an additional data signal as claimed. Wee teaches that in prior art coding systems, re-compression can be quite time intensive (Wee: column 2, lines 50-

55). To help alleviate this need, Wee discloses "sub-steps for inserting an additional data signal" (Wee: column 6, lines 15-26, wherein the additional data signal is the logo). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to take the apparatus disclosed by Keesman and add the processing taught by Wee in order to obtain an apparatus that helps reduce the re-encoding time needed for video applications.

Regarding claim 4, Keesman in view of Wee disclose "the residual signal resulting from the difference between the additional data and its predicted version, characterized in that the residual signal is subtracted from the motion-compensated signal" (Keesman: figure 10, item 440, wherein the subtraction is performed by item 245; Wee: figures 4 and 8; column 7, lines 60-67, wherein the motion search processing comprises the differences).

Regarding claim 5, Wee discloses "the additional data signal is added to the coding error and decoded data signal by an adding sub-step" (Wee: figure 4, wherein the logo is added at step 108).

Regarding claim 6, Keesman in view of Wee disclose "the additional data signal is added to the coding error and subtracted from the motion-compensated signal" (Keesman: figure 10, item 440, wherein the subtraction is performed by item 245; Wee: figure 4, wherein the logo is added at step 108).

Regarding claims 7, 9, and 10, note the examiners rejection for claim 3.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure:

US-6226041 05-2001 Florencio et al.

US-5870146 02-1999 Zhu

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dave Czekaj whose telephone number is (571) 272-7327. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thurs and every other Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mehrdad Dastouri can be reached on (571) 272-7418. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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